

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1257–S1293

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2465–2476, S.J. Res. 53–54, and S. Res. 417–418. **Pages S1286–87**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life of Billy Graham: Senate passed S.J. Res. 53, honoring the life of William “Billy” F. Graham, Jr. **Page S1259**

Taiwan Travel Act: Senate passed H.R. 535, to encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels. **Pages S1290–91**

TARGET Act: Senate passed H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1291**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 106, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the members of the Office of Strategic Services. **Page S1291**

Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike 50th Anniversary: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 404, recognizing the coordinated struggle of workers on the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers strike to voice their grievances and reach a collective agreement for rights in the workplace, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1291–92**

Honoring the Buffalo Soldiers: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 409, honoring the dedication and courage of the Buffalo Soldiers, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1292–93**

National Rosie the Riveter Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 418, expressing support for the designation of March 21, 2018 as “National Rosie the Riveter Day”. **Page S1293**

Quattlebaum Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S1293**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 69 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 41), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1274–75**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, March 1, 2018, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr.; that following disposition of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, and Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Tilman Eugene Self III, the time until 1:30 p.m. be equally divided prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana; and that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, the post-cloture time be yielded back, and the votes on confirmation of the nominations, in the order invoked, occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2018. **Page S1293**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 1, 2018. **Page S1293**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 40), Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S1274, S1293**

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| Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—41) | Pages S1274, S1274–75 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:45 p.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1293.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1520, to expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Joseph Simons, of Virginia, Noah Joshua Phillips, of Maryland, Christine S. Wilson, of Virginia, and Rohit Chopra, of New York, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1142 and H.R. 2457, bills to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 1556, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the

Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota, S. 2166, to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and H.R. 2786, to amend the Federal Power Act with respect to the criteria and process to qualify as a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, after receiving testimony from Alan Mikkelsen, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior for Water and Western Resource Issues.

FBI HEADQUARTERS CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters consolidation project, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Haley II, Assistant Director, Finance, Facilities and Real Property Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Daniel Mathews, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael K. Atkinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2434, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 292, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2278, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas, with an amendment; and

S. 1091, to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in a Pro Forma session at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

Committee Meetings

COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS: HELPING COMMUNITIES BALANCE ENFORCEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Combating the Opioid Crisis: Helping Communities Balance Enforcement and Patient Safety”. Testimony was heard from Susan Gibson, Deputy Assistant Attorney, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Frank Fowler, Chief of Police, Syracuse Police Department; Richard Nance, Director, Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment; and public witnesses.

ZIMBABWE AFTER MUGABE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Zimbabwe After Mugabe”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1992, the “Camp Nelson Heritage Park Study Act”; H.R. 3008, the “George W. Bush Childhood Home Study Act”; H.R. 4731, to extend the retained use estate for the Caneel Bay resort in St. John, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the birthplace of James Weldon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida, as a unit of the National Park System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr, Conaway, Plaskett, and Lawson of Florida; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion,

after receiving testimony from Denise H. Rohan, The American Legion, Verona, Wisconsin.

BORIS NEMTSOV

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine seeking justice for and securing the legacy of Boris Nemtsov, after receiving testimony from Vladimir V. Karaturza, Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom; Zhanna Nemtsova; and Vadim Prokhorov.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Paul M. Nakasone, USA, to be general and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service/Commander, United States Cyber Command, Department of Defense, and Brent K. Park, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary (Environmental Management), both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine implementation of positive train control, 10:15 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine private sector and government challenges and opportunities to promote the cyber security and resiliency of our nation's critical energy infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's framework for rebuilding infrastructure in America, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, and Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, both of the Department of State, and Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine the role of Federal managers in hiring, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Joel M. Carson III, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Colm F. Connolly, and Maryellen Noreika, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, William F. Jung, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Jonathan F. Mitchell, of Washington, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and Billy J. Williams, to be United States Attor-

ney for the District of Oregon, Mark S. James, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri, Daniel C. Mosteller, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota, and Jesse Seroyer, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, March 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:45 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, and Tilman Eugene Self III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

At 1:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 1:30 p.m.



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